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Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization



To: Montana Legislature, HB9 review committee
Re: Montana Cultural Trust Grants, FY 2012-13

From: Butte Citizens for Preservation & Revitalization, Inc. January 16, 2011

Written testimony in support for our grant application

Butte CPR appreciates the consideration of the Montana Cultural Trust in support of its operations in Butte. In 2010, Butte CPR was awarded two major grants to support preservation of an office building in partnership with the city and county of Butte-Silver Bow; one (\$30,000 from the National Park Service) was the most highly-rated application within the region, and the other (\$44,000 from the Montana Dept. of Commerce, the Federal stimulus money awarded under HB 645) was one of five awards in Butte. Previous support from the Montana Cultural Trust helped provide contract personnel (PR coordinator), computer system, and office space that was necessary to successfully obtain these grants.

Shortfalls in the Cultural Trust grants impact us, but we are able to accommodate them while continuing expansion of programs thanks to other support, such as a donation of about \$4,600 from the National Vernacular Architecture Forum that supports our Historic Improvement Project grants to improve facades in Butte, and memberships and other donations. The value of the Cultural Trust grant, in whatever amount, is for less-visible, day-to-day operations that make our presence more strongly felt in the community.

National recognition of Butte's architectural heritage came in 2009 when the Vernacular Architecture Forum brought 225 professionals to the region for a three-day conference; the organization chose Butte CPR for its annual Advocacy Award.

We are confident that with Cultural Trust support, we can continue to help preserve the largest National Historic Landmark District in the US (by contributing property count).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard I. Gibson
Public Relations Coordinator & Butte CPR Secretary



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Jan. 13, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of funding for the Council for the Arts in Lincoln, Montana. Lincoln is a small town far from the opportunities that thrive in larger towns. We have a low economic base (our school free-reduced lunch rate is 65%), and a high rate of unemployment. School funding is severely cut by a shrinking student population.

The Council for the Arts does so much to enrich the community: they regularly sponsor events in the school such as Missoula Children's Theater and Artists in the Schools. People in Lincoln have learned to dance thanks to the Arts Council, and have enjoyed low-cost wonderful entertainment by singers like Jeni Fleming and John Dunnigan. Soon they will begin a film festival, showing classic movies with discussion to follow.

The Council for the Arts is the only group to provide these opportunities to this small community. They can do so largely because of the funding they receive from Montana Art Council.

We realize there are many needs you must meet. There is a limited amount of money to share among many. But I do hope you will consider the emotional and intellectual health of Lincoln and extend whatever funding is possible to us.

Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
Annette Gardner

From: Glaspey, Sheri [mailto:GlaspeyS@wfps.k12.mt.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 8:24 AM
To: Lucy Smith
Subject: RE: Traveling Medicine Show

The visit from the Hockaday Museum's Traveling Medicine Show was well received by all students in 4th grade. Every student was attentive and curious about the wonderful displays and had genuine interest in everything that was displayed. The activity of painting and creating a work of art was well organized and appropriate for this age group. Students were very proud of their creations and were eager to take them home and share their knowledge with their family. We look forward to this activity every year. We appreciate the expertise of the presenters and look forward to another visit next year.

Sheri Glaspey
Teacher – Grade 4
Muldown Elementary School

Lucy Smith
Hockaday Center for the Arts
Kalispell, Montana

July 6, 2010

Good Morning Lucy,

I would like to support you and the Hockaday for the "Art for Everyone" grant. As you know, my passion is the senior population in Flathead Valley. As far as I am concerned our seniors are the hues on the canvas of our valley's history. I have heard tales that recall cutting ice on Lake Five to fill the icehouses in Whitefish. I have seen an 1856 half-dollar that was stamped by a machine at the Columbia Exposition in Chicago in 1893. I have spoken with the grand daughter of a lady who told her stories about when her grandfather used to play with the Lincoln kids – Abe Lincoln.

These scribes of the past could use opportunities to find alternative venues to tell their stories. If a trip to the Hockaday would jog some memories and loose their tongues, how much richer would we all be? If a senior was to partake in an activity at the Hockaday and in some way show us all how it was done back when, what a treasure we would have discovered and preserved.

These are just a few thoughts I have about the benefits for seniors when they visit the Hockaday. To cultivate the marriage between a senior and the arts can only help to benefit everyone. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Jim Atkinson
Director
Flathead County Agency on Aging

Montana Cultural Trust
Testimony for Intermountain Opera Association
Grant # 1656

The Intermountain Opera not only provides professional quality opera to Montana and surrounding states, but is a vital cultural cornerstone for Southwest Montana and surrounding states. By providing the highest quality, fully staged opera in the region Intermountain Opera attracts audience members from all of Montana and surrounding states. This influx of people to the area translates into an increase in hotel, restaurant and other local business revenue.

In line with the National Endowment for the Arts' motto "all people deserve good art", the Intermountain Opera is filling a vital roll in bringing great opera to a populace that would otherwise have to travel hundreds of miles and pay much higher admission prices to see grand opera at its finest.

For 33 years Intermountain Opera has maintained its standard of excellence and kept ticket prices affordable. This is only possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses and grants that realize the vital roll Opera plays in building Montana's reputation as a cultural gem.



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To: Montana Legislature, HB9 review committee
Re: Montana Cultural Trust Grants, FY 2012-13

From: Mai Wah Society, Inc. January 16, 2011

Written testimony in support for our grant application.

The Mai Wah appreciates the consideration given our museum by the Montana Cultural Trust. Our application (requested \$4,400; committee recommended \$3,000 and ranked us #4 in category) is for exhibit expansion. We've been fortunate and excited in the past year to have already created other exhibits (archaeological dig, thanks to support from Montana Historical Society; and an impending return of 2,500 artifacts to their original home at the Mai Wah thanks to a long-term loan from the Montana Heritage Commission) and the current proposal will both benefit from and expand upon those other exhibits.

The three elements of our proposal were designed in anticipation of shortfalls in funding. If full funding is not available, this exhibit expansion can still continue with one or two aspects, rather than three. Also, the display relating to the Chinn family will benefit from recent donations in memory of Pearl Chinn So, who lived in our buildings and passed away recently. Her friends and family from New York and elsewhere have donated more than \$500 in her memory, and we are assigning these donations to the exhibit focusing on the Chinn family.

The archeological dig exhibit that we opened last summer is a factor in increasing Mai Wah attendance from a paltry 131 in 2009 to more than 500 in 2010. We are confident that the exhibit expansion proposed for support via the Cultural Trust Grant can be accomplished and will add to the increasing draws at the Museum, impacting the tourist economy in Butte.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard I. Gibson
Project Director/Mai Wah Board member

Preserving and interpreting Butte's Asian history and culture

January 18, 2011

Written testimony from Montana Public Radio in support of *The Write Question* grant proposal.

Members of the Legislature:

The Write Question is a radio program that calls attention to Montana's writers, the people who contribute to our state's rich and world-renown body of literature. With this weekly program—broadcast over the MTPR and YPR networks—Montana Public Radio connects people in communities throughout the state to writers and books in all literary genres. The program also promotes Montana's writers, literature, and culture to people around the world by offering online listening options.

However, one of the ongoing challenges in presenting Montana authors has been a lack of access to, and information about, Native writers. Therefore, with this grant application, Montana Public Radio seeks not only production support, but funding to create a network of communication with Indian scholars and writers from all areas of Montana, especially those from the east side of the state. That network will then be utilized by *The Write Question* producers and advisors to create more programs that feature Indian authors and poets.

We respectfully request that you approve funding support for *The Write Question*, a program that we believe makes an important contribution to the promotion of our state's writers and literary culture.

Han, Kristin

From: lenoir [lenoir@bresnan.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 8:16 AM
To: Han, Kristin
Subject: Storytelling grant letter

Mister Chairman, members of the committee, for the record, my name is Donna Lenoir. I am the program director of the Montana Storytelling Roundup in Cut Bank. I am testifying on behalf of grant #1606 requesting funding for a special project grant to enable us to continue a cultural event for the students of the seventeen schools in Glacier County and for the local, out of state and Canadian citizens who attend our week-end programs.

We are a very unique county with Hutterite, Blackfeet Reservation, Babb, East Glacier and Cut Bank schools. Our goal of having each child in the county have the opportunity to see at least one professional entertainer has been met every year for the last sixteen years. We hope to plant a seed in the students that if they want it bad enough and work hard to achieve it; they too can become an entertainer. The opportunity is there for them as it has been for others.

Our seventeenth Montana Storytelling Roundup will have seventeen schools and our eighteenth will see another Hutterite school added making it more difficult to have the man power and the money to travel the almost nine hundred miles that we traveled last year. There is the added expense of having entertainers from tuesday through Saturday. Quality entertainers are becoming more expensive every year and we find it harder to find ones who can come for five days.

We are very blessed that the schools, Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Glacier County Commissioners and the local businesses are so supportive of our program. It brings people to town to spend money on food, clothes, motel rooms and many other things.

We have no problem getting entertainers as we always treat them very well and they request to come back. Our artist on stage will be here once again for his fourteenth time. He does a one of a kind picture on stage Friday night which we raffle off to make money to support us. Last year we had a local quilter donate one of her beautiful quilts to the Storytelling Roundup to make more money. This year another local quilter has made a quilt top for us-which wasn't donated and we will again have a quilt to raffle.

Last year we decided to honor five of our local volunteers that were over ninety years old. They are still very active in the community. Each one was presented with a framed certificate and a flower at the beginning of the Friday night program. We hope to continue this every year.

The sixteen members of our committee donate many volunteer hours, food (pot luck dinner on Thursday night), driving to schools (one donated a \$100.00 gift card at Town Pump), open their homes to entertainers (one stayed with me for five days saving us over \$300.00 in motel charges), Sound system from a local band member just for the advertisement, businesses donate items for the gift bags. This is the reason that we can continue to be successful.

We appreciate all that the committee has done for us in the past. It is because of the grant that we have been able to continue with the Montana Storytelling Roundup. We hope that you will consider the \$4500.00 grant but we realize the loss of funding too; so we would be happy to receive the \$3000.00 suggested. We appreciate your time and consideration for this grant.

Blessings, Donna

Testimony of the Pondera History Association.

Thanks to operational support from the Montana Cultural Trust the Pondera History Association (PHA) has a part-time paid curator at the Museum. Besides all the Museum organizational duties, managing accessions and scheduling volunteers, she creates exhibits and makes contact with schools in the area to schedule a student learning experience outside the classroom. The past seasons exhibit on NASA and Apollo was a big WOW for 331 students from the local schools and surrounding schools. That's a big wow for small town USA to have trained docents to tell the NASA story from the beginning, thanks again to the Montana Cultural Trust. It would never happen without your help.

Harold Olson

SUNBURST FOUNDATION

GRANT # 1680

Operational Support

Our story:

Community members new and old are delighted that the Sunburst Foundation provides art programming in their rural and geographically isolated community. Many are grateful that they do not have to drive long distances to hear a concert, experience live theater or to have a shared arts experience. Sunburst receives positive feedback on the variety of programming that is offered, as well as the high caliber of the performers and artists.

As arts education dwindles in the local school system, administrators and teachers are grateful that the Sunburst Foundation can fulfill this need by providing residencies, workshops and exhibits. Recently, a third grade teacher approached our organization for assistance in developing arts curriculum for the 2011-2012 school year. Sunburst will help facilitate visiting artists, coordinate visual arts education and provide opportunities to experience live music and theatre to students and their parents.

It is now more important than ever to be a resource for our community and to provide much-needed outlets for creativity, arts exposure and learning; with Cultural Trust grant money these endeavors can continue. Thank you for your consideration.

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MEMO

To: LRPC
From: Yellowstone Ballet Company
Re: HB9
Date: 1/19/11

Our organization is applying for grant money from the Montana Cultural Trust Fund. We have received money from the trust before and it has been a tremendous benefit to our organization, our community and our youth.

Although our organization, like most other non-profits, has seen a decrease in donations, we are still pursuing our productions and projects; outreach and inreach; and community service. We have more volunteers than before and using limited resources wisely.

We hope you continue to support our organization and the other organizations that do so much to enrich the lives of Montana citizens.

Thank you so much.